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1. Abiodun Adebayo Welfare Foundation

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Introduction

The Abiodun Adebayo Welfare Foundation (AAWF) was established to bring development to people at the grass roots level in Africa.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Foundation is chiefly concerned with reducing poverty, through empowering widows, providing educational opportunities for underprivileged children, promoting Millennium development, climate change, youth empowerment programs, agro-allied services and more.

Significant changes in the organization

The Foundation opened a branch in Ghana in April 2015 to reach out to neighbouring African states and the number of volunteer members increased during the reporting period. The Foundation also conducted a review of its constitution and by-laws with a view to reflecting changes in society, technology and communication.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Foundation built an information and communication technology (ICT) centre to help the youth. It is committed to supporting gender equality in nation-building processes and empowering women with vocational skills, such as sewing. The Foundation supported other African countries in using preventive measures in the fight against malaria parasites.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of the AAWF participated in the following meetings:

- The 2014 United Nations Climate Summit, New York, 23 September 2014;
- Special Session of the General Assembly on the follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD Beyond 2014), New York, 22 September 2014;
- Sustainable Energy for All Forum, New York, 18-21 May 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Foundation has undertaken the following initiatives to support the MDGS: promoted the importance of good accessible water; educated youth on the need to refrain from using hard drugs; hosted various advocacy programmes on agricultural production in rural communities.

2. African Agency for Integrated Development

Special, 2012

Introduction

The African Agency for Integrated Development (AAID) is an international NGO with headquarters in Kampala, Uganda. It operates through its network of organizations like the G4Alliance and the Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC), among others.

Aims and purposes of the organization

It aims to transform the living conditions of communities by disseminating information, raising awareness and implementing programmes on primary and general health, AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. It promotes poverty eradication strategies, social and economic welfare, management of natural resources with emphasis on increased participation of women in Millennium development, and advocating for human rights.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

AAID has reported on the activities of the armed security forces of Ukraine. At its UN70 celebrations in Uganda on 24 October 2015, AAID informed participants about the United Nations global activities connected to peace and security, development, human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

AAID has joined online global discussions like those for the World Health Organization (WHO) Global Health Sector Strategy on HIV for 2016-2021. As a member of the G4Alliance, AAID participated at a WHO planning meeting focused on the implementation of the World Health Assembly (WHA) resolution on surgery and anaesthesia.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

AAID has encouraged G4Alliance to prepare official calls to action including to support non-state actor engagement with the World Health Organization (WHO).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

AAID wrote a proposal for the inclusion of surgical and anaesthesia care indicators as part of the post 2015 Millennium Development Goals (SDGs).

3. African Aid Organization

Special, 2008

Introduction

African Aid Organization (AFAID) is devoted to providing education, nutrition, support services and care to children infected with, or affected by HIV/AIDS, and their families, in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Aims and purposes of the organization

AFAID's aim is to increase youth commitment and strategies to avoid or reduce behaviours that put them at risk of HIV/AIDS as well as other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) through a series of theatrical presentation workshops, outreach sessions, education, documentary films and "AFAID HIV/AIDS Clubs". AFAID also provides means to minimize the effects of extreme poverty, and actively works to educate children to help them understand that they are part of the solution.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

AFAID is guided by a fundamental commitment to human rights and the alleviation of human suffering. It has successfully carried out programmes in behavioural change and education for children and young people and their families, as well as programmes that support poverty reduction and nutrition for the neediest families, particularly vulnerable and young single mothers. It empowers young people to make responsible decisions about their sexual activities through AIDS Awareness Clubs in middle and high schools. It provides training and workshops to help Club members develop better communication skills to increase their capacity to effectively spread the HIV prevention message to all their peers and the community.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, AFAID participated in sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), the Sixth Session of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing, and the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS+10).

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In support of the MDGs, AFAID has provided nutritional advice and food to 2,713 children and needy families; fought HIV/AIDS and extreme poverty through targeted programmes and initiatives; provided care to pregnant and nursing mothers; and commemorated the World AIDS Day annually on 1 December.

4. African Centre for Community and Development

Special, 2012

Introduction

The African Centre for Community and Development (ACCD) collects and analyzes data useful in the design and implementation of projects and programmes for development in Africa and the world.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ACCD supports disadvantaged and underprivileged people in Africa, especially the Youth, and promotes inter-cultural dialogue and exchange through education, capacity building, training, arts, social capital mobilisation, enterprises and agriculture, among other activities.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization disseminates news feeds about the work of the United Nations. It is engaged in agriculture, conservation and educational activities to improve well-being, health, food security and conservation of species through the Green Cradle project. The organization has produced and published over 630 videos on diverse topics including agriculture, women's issues, the environment, project management, arts, international development, waste management, pollution, culture, and livestock rearing, among others.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ACCD presented a statement at the 57th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW 57) titled "Factors affecting the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men in sub-Saharan Africa and some policy proposals".

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization facilitated local events in Cameroon including celebration of the World AIDS Day and Ozone Layer Day. It has published over 630 videos on diverse aspects of Millennium development for replication. It is engaged in poultry, snail, pig and vegetable farming to fight hunger and improve food security, as well as environmental protection and initiatives to empower women.

5. Al-Haq

Special, 2000

Introduction

Al-Haq was established in 1979 to protect and promote human rights and the rule of law in the State of Palestine and is based in Ramallah, West Bank.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Al-Haq's vision is to see the rule of law and standards of international human rights and humanitarian law implemented and adhered to so that Palestinians can enjoy equal treatment with respect to their dignity and with the full realisation of their right to self-determination. Al-Haq works towards accountability for perpetrators of international human rights and humanitarian law violations in the State of Palestine.

Significant changes in the organization

Al-Haq's work in 2015 was focussed on ensuring that the Palestinian Authority complies with the provisions of international law, particularly the multilateral agreements and conventions recently ratified by the State of Palestine.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Al-Haq continues to pursue universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for Palestinians.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Al-Haq has participated in all Human Rights Council (HRC) sessions from 2012-2015, including attending side-events, engaging in general debates, submitting written statements, among other activities. It attended meetings with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories. The organization has regular meetings with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in the State of Palestine and in Geneva and organised a meeting for Palestinian civil society organizations (CSOs) with the High Commissioner in March 2015. Al-Haq participated in Israel's review under the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD) and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) in 2012 and 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

In 2015 Al-Haq made submissions to the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health, the Special Rapporteur on the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967 and the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Al-Haq's work encompasses eradicating poverty and hunger, achieving universal primary education, reducing child mortality, promoting gender equality, improving maternal health and ensuring environmental sustainability.

6. All India Shah Behram Baug Society for Scientific and Educational Research

Special, 2004

Introduction

The All India Shah Behram Baug Society (for Scientific and Educational Research) is a scientific and education research centre based in Mumbai, India.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The society aims to: promote scientific and educational objectives; promote the Millennium Development Goals, especially with regard to water conservation and purification technologies; promote peace education; provide higher educational facilities for economic sustainability; provide facilities for social and economic betterment; and provide low cost health care technologies to benefit rural areas.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization created the Zoroastrian College which focuses on peace education and spirituality, and economic and social development and environmental studies. It is engaged in activities celebrating United Nations international days related to the MDGS, and conducted four annual World Congresses of Science and Spirituality/Medicine between January 2012 and February 2015.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attended the United Nations High Level Forum on The Culture of Peace in New York, 11-12 September 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

During the reporting period, the Society contributed to the research on AIDS conducted by the World Health Organization (WHO) and cooperated with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Chair for Peace at the Maharashtra Academy of Engineering & Educational Research Maharashtra Institute of Technology (MAEER MIT) in Pune, India.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization developed a water purification technology model at the Zoroastrian College in Mumbai, India, to treat biological, chemical and nuclear contaminated water.

7. Arab Penal Reform Organization

Special, 2012

Introduction

The Arab Penal Reform Organization (APRO) has headquarters in Cairo, focusing on penal reform in the Arab region.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The APRO seeks to: improve criminal laws in order to be compatible with international treaties and improve prison conditions and prevent torture; train lawyers and journalists to create a general climate that stands up to human rights violations; cooperate with the United Nations entities to prevent human rights violations; and cooperate with governments to improve human rights conditions.

Significant changes in the organization

APRO is in the process of establishing a permanent office in Geneva.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In 2014 APRO made a submission on the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of the Human Rights Council (HRC) about the condition of prisons and places of detention in Egypt, particularly concerning torture. APRO also submitted a joint UPR report with 19 Egyptian organizations in 2014 that reviewed the condition of human rights situation in Egypt in general, citing several laws that need to be modified, as well as many practices that need to be rectified within the framework of decent treatment of prisoners.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

APRO participated in the 20th-23rd sessions of the UPR.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

In 2015 the organization signed a contract with the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

APRO organized eight workshops following the 2014 UPR report of Egypt to introduce legislative amendments that are compatible with international obligations and the recommendations of the session. APRO then submitted specific legislative amendments to the Penal Code, Procedural Law, Emergency Law, Prisons Law,

Police Law, Military Law and the Forensic Medical Agency law. These modifications were submitted to the Shura Council, the Prime Minister and the National Council for Human Rights for their consideration. During the reporting period, APRO organized, in cooperation with the Egyptian Bar Association, 48 training courses for lawyers on how to use international mechanisms to provide legal assistance for victims and filed 400 lawsuits on behalf of torture victims in places of detention, collecting EGP15 million (about $2 million) from the Ministry of the Interior in favour of the victims. APRO also issued press releases and statements against incidents of human rights violations, particularly against jailed persons.

8. Asabe Shehu Yar' Adua Foundation

Special, 2012

Introduction

The Asabe Shehu Yar'Adua Foundation (ASYARF) focuses on assisting women, children and youth in 36 states in Nigeria. It also works in New York, Washington, Connecticut and Texas, where it is registered.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ASYARF aims to provide clean water to local communities; combat child abuse and injustice; promote human rights of women, children, youth and the disabled; protect the environment; fight corruption; reduce poverty; promote peaceful co-existence, humanitarian services, conflict resolution, good governance; provide electoral workshop training and sensitization on voters rights; and combat and research HIV/AIDS.

Significant changes in the organization

ASYARF has an additional 5,000 Members and five new funding partners.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ASYARF has organized annual events in observance of United Nations International Days and participated in a "Kick out Malaria Campaign" in Lagos State in Nigeria.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ASYARF has participated in the following meetings, among others:

- High-level Meeting on the review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS+10), New York, 15-16 December 2015;
- 49th session of the Commission on Population and Development (CPD49), New York, 3 November 2015;
- Annual sessions of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD53);
- Annual sessions of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in New York;

- Annual sessions of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in New York;
- High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development, 3-4 October 2013;
- Annual sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

ASYARF submitted best practice cases that link anti-corruption measures with the realization and protection of human rights, October 2015. It participated in the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) "I am a woman" campaign.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

ASYARF donated vitamin supplements to single and lactating mothers of the Gora Community in Kaduna State, Nigeria in May 2015. It observed the World Day against Child Labour annually to celebrate and campaign against child labour in rural and urban communities in Nigeria. It organized a medical check-up programme for women in the Amai Community in Kwale, Delta State in April 2015. ASYARF organized a Women's Empowerment Skill programme to train and empower rural/Indigenous women and girls from 2013-2014 in Nigeria, and conducted research, awareness and sensitization campaign to combat and reduce the rate of HIV in the Lafia Local Government Area of Nassarawa State in 2014.

9. Association des jeunes pour l'agriculture du Mali

Special: 2012

Introduction

Association des jeunes pour l'agriculture du Mali (ASJAM) works to reduce hunger and poverty and to promote sustainable development.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim of the organization is to contribute to the promotion of agricultural initiatives, promote the improvement of garbage collection in urban areas, promote drinking water and sanitation, and provide an education to girls and boys in rural areas.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Among its main activities, ASJAM has worked to increase agricultural production with a view to reducing poverty and improving child education in Mali.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Association submitted a written statement to the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council in July 2013. It also participated in, inter alia, briefings organized by the United Nations Department of Public Information in New York from January to March 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

In April 2012, ASJAM held a meeting with the United Nations Information Centre in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, with the aim of strengthening cooperation between the Centre and NGOs, and to consider a proposal on organizing a common training seminar. ASJAM has also collaborated with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in Bamako in various areas.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

ASJAM contributed to poverty reduction in Mali in the rural commune of Boile by encouraging increased cultivation of groundnuts and beans.

10. Association pour l'intégration et le développement durable au Burundi

Special, 2012

Introduction

The Association pour l'Intégration et le Développement Durable au Burundi (AIDB) works at the national level for indigenous peoples.

Aims and purposes of the organization

AIDB aims to protect and promote the human rights of the indigenous Batwa populations in Burundi.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

AIDB participates in the sessions of the treaty body system of the United Nations. It contributed to the consultations on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It also incorporated the needs of indigenous peoples in the Global Environment Facility (GEF) programmes and was part of the global and African caucuses that highlighted the need for food security for indigenous peoples. It works on climate change adaptation, mitigation, capacity-building and capacity transfer, including in collaboration with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) at the Paris Climate Conference, tapping into traditional knowledge of indigenous peoples to better manage climate change.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2012 AIDB attended the 11th session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (PFII) and presented individual and joint statements on respect for the economic, social, cultural, political and civil rights of the indigenous Batwa peoples in Burundi. AIDB attended the 23rd session of the Human Rights Council (HRC) for the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of Burundi and the preparatory meetings for and the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples in 2014. In 2015 AIDB attended the 56th session of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the 21st Conference of the Parties (COP21) to the UNFCCC in Paris.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

AIDB has presented the alternative Universal Periodic Review (UPR) report on the human rights situation of the Indigenous peoples in Burundi. It also has presented written statements to the High-level Segment of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) during this period. It is a member of the Global Compact and the Global Risk Forum (GRF) National Steering Committee.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

AIDB initiatives focused on the education, health and land rights of the indigenous Batwa people in Burundi. These include sensitizing the parents about HIV/AIDS, implementing programmes for life expectancy and HIV/AIDS prevention, and promoting farming activities.

11. Association tunisienne des droits de l'enfant

Special: 2000

Introduction

From 2012 to 2015, the Association tunisienne des droits de l'enfant (ATUDE), founded to combat violence against children, worked with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in Tunisia to help child refugees from Libya.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim of the Association is to promote the rights of the child. It works to promote laws that strengthen the rights of the child and bolster government efforts to facilitate the social reintegration of children in situations of armed conflict as well as the reintegration of delinquent youth

Significant changes in the organization

While the revolution of 14 January 2011 disrupted the Association's activity, it was nonetheless able to continue its work with the help of international organizations.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In collaboration with UNICEF-Tunisia, ATUDE launched a project in 2014-2015 to install an operational emergency assistance device in order to adequately

respond to the emergency needs of refugee children. With the support of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and Defence for Children International, it participated in the implementation of a project entitled "Initiative to create child-friendly school environments".

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The post-revolutionary period was financially very difficult. Therefore, the Association participated only in meetings organized in Tunisia by United Nations agencies, in particular UNICEF and OHCHR.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

ATUDE regularly participates in planning and implementing UNICEF projects in Tunisia.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The main objective of the Association is to combat violence against children and sexual violence against girls, which also covers the right to education. ATUDE has also distributed food and supplies to children in violence-affected schools.

12. Charitable Institute for Protecting Social Victims

Special, 2004

Introduction

The Charitable Institute for Protecting Social Victims believes that having a healthy and quality life is a right and a prerequisite for the realization of the Millennium Development Goals.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Institute was created for the realization of the social rights of vulnerable groups. It uses 24 hour shelters, recreational therapy, and technical and vocational training to promote healthy quality of life for the homeless, those suffering from infectious diseases, mental or psychological illness, street children, the disabled, women at risk, addicted drug users and the elderly.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Institute has submitted written and oral statements to the Human Rights Council (HRC); written and oral statements at the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) mechanism of the HRC; and conducted negotiations on the rights of people with mental disorders and disabilities.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During this period, the organization participated at the 19th, 21st, 22nd, 24th, 25th, 27th and 28th sessions of the HRC.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

The Institute has cooperated with several United Nations entities, including: on the UPR mechanism by submitting reports on the human rights situation in the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in 2014; and with the communication department of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) on a conference entitled, "The New Delhi Declaration on Inclusive ICTs for Persons with Disabilities".

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In support of the MDGs, the Institute provided services to the homeless, social victims and street children; prepared agricultural lands and greenhouses for patients and those facing barriers to employment because of mental illness and stigma; and conducted education courses on combating HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases for individuals and their families, under the supervision of a specialized medical team, among other things.

13. Climate Action Network Association

Special, 2012

Introduction

Climate Action Network (CAN) is a network of over 950 non-governmental organizations committed to combating harmful activities that harm the climate.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The vision of CAN to protect global climate in a manner that promotes equity and social justice between peoples, promote sustainable development of all communities, and protect the global environment. CAN's mission is to support and empower civil society organizations to influence the design and development of an effective global strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and ensure its implementation at international, national and local levels to promote equity and sustainable development.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

CAN has actively participated in the international climate change negotiations and all other relevant fora, including the negotiations around the Millennium Development Goals and other United Nations processes. It has contributed to the

establishment of global, regional, national and local climate change agendas by mobilizing a genuinely inclusive civil society process at all levels.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

CAN members were engaged in a range of United Nations fora including on the Post-2015 Millennium Development Agenda, the United Nations Climate Summit in 2014, and the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties to the 1992 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), COP 21.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

14. Concile mondial de congrès diplomatiques des aumoniers pour la paix universelle des droits humains et juridiques

Special, 2012

Introduction

Concile Mondial de Congres Diplomatiques des Aumoniers pour la Paix Universelle des Droits Humains et Juridiques is part of a stakeholder association consisting of multiple civil society groups in the Caribbean, Eastern Europe, and more recently, Micronesia.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to promote the rights and freedoms enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, promote reconciliation and universal peace through dialogue, and undertake research legal protection and defence of human rights and refugee rights.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization has moved its international headquarters to Paris, France in 2014.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attended the 58th and 59th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). In February 2014, the organization attended the 1st Preparatory Committee meeting for the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States at the United Nations in New York. It also attended the

Open Meeting of the Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC) and the Global Counter-Terrorism Research Network on "Foreign Terrorist Fighters", 24 November, 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

The organization collaborates with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime on finding solutions to global drug issues.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization works with its partners in microfinance and enterprise development to support environmental programmes and innovations with the purpose of developing a millennium economy. It conducts advocacy with human rights defender's networks and works on human rights for refugees. The organization has established a fund for global climate change projects. It also conducts activities in partnership with other NGOs, foundations and other institutions on various projects, including to establish primary and professional schools, installing drinking water tanks, establishing nutrition centres, rural clinics and childhood leisure centres, and promotes innovation programmes and youth exchange programmes.

15. Edmund Rice International

Special, 2012

Introduction

Edmund Rice International (ERI) is a faith-based NGO founded jointly and supported by the Roman Catholic Christian Brothers and the Presentation Brothers. The organization is present in over 30 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ERI works at the international level to promote and protect the rights of children and young people, particularly with regard to education.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ERI conducted six two-week training courses on human rights and advocacy in conjunction with the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) sessions of the Human Rights Council (HRC) and made presentations with particular emphasis on participation in the various mechanisms of the HRC in several countries. It offers internships in Geneva, has developed and promoted an online course in human rights dealing with the United Nations and its various human rights mechanisms, supports a global network of schools and educational institutions, and facilitates an annual visit to the HRC by students from schools in the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland and teachers from Australian schools.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2013 and 2015, ERI participated in several United Nations meetings, including: sessions of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues; the Commission on Population and Development; the Commission on the Status of Women; in the Open Working Group on Millennium Development Goals; and the preparations for the post-2015 development agenda.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

ERI has made submissions for UPRs and to United Nations Treaty Bodies, including the Committee on the Rights of the Child, the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the HRC; and to United Nations Special Procedures, including the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Working Group on Arbitrary Detention and the Special Rapporteur on the Freedom of Religion or Belief. ERI has made several oral statements at sessions of the HRC, for example at the adoption of the UPR reports on India and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and under the agenda item, 'Matters requiring the attention of the Council' on Australia's treatment of asylum seekers.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

ERI conducts training workshops and has an online course entitled: 'Issues of Global Poverty and Development'.

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1. Alliance for Africa

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Introduction

Alliance for Africa (AFA) is an international, human rights, peace and sustainable development organization. In 2000, AFA moved its main office to Nigeria to facilitate the delivery of its work at its primary constituency — Africa. AFA has national offices in Lagos and Imo State, Nigeria and an international office in London, United Kingdom.

Aims and purposes of the organization

AFA aims to protect human rights, promote women's participation in leadership and governance, build institutional capacity, advocate for gender-based justice, promote equality and non-discrimination, as well as peace, security and conflict resolution interventions.

Significant changes in the organization

AFA recently expanded its thematic areas of intervention and focus to include the provision of social and strategic litigation support to victims of gender-based discrimination and violence, including rape and sexual assault.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

AFA supports the work of the United Nations by creating awareness of the United Nations instruments that are pertinent to the organization's area of work. For example, AFA is currently litigating before the Court of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) in Abuja a case of gender-based discrimination of four Nigerian women by state agencies. It is leading the advancement of instituting legal frameworks for advancing women's right such as the newly enacted Violence against Persons (Prohibition) Act 2015. AFA is also advocating for the enactment by Nigeria's legislature of the Gender and Equal Opportunities Bill which seeks to abolish discriminatory acts against women by state and non-state agents.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization actively participated in the launching and sensitization of women on the Nigerian Women's Platform for Peaceful Election on 11 December 2014, held in Abuja, Nigeria, supported by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Femme Africa Solidarity, and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2015, AFA signed a cooperation agreement with United Nations Women (UN Women) to enhance gender equality and women's empowerment. It also collaborated with UN Women to monitor developments in the state of Imo during the 2015 elections.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

AFA worked extensively on goals 3, 5 and 6 of the MDGs and is mobilizing support for achieving goal 5 of the sustainable development goals (SDGs) by advocating for the inclusion of more women in elective decision making positions.

2. Arab Centre for the Independence of the Judiciary and the Legal Profession

Special, 2000

Introduction

The Arab Centre for the Independence of the Judiciary and the Legal Profession (ACIJLP) is a non-governmental organization committed to reinforcing and supporting the status of justice in the Arab region.

Aims and purposes of the organization

- ACIJLP seeks to reinforce and support the status of justice in the Arab region by:
- Consolidating the rule of law, independence of the judiciary and legal profession;
- Respecting human rights and fundamental freedoms in the Arab region;
- Strengthening the judiciary in accordance with the standards of fair trial in line with international covenants;
- Promoting and disseminating the values of human rights;
- Establishing the principles of international legitimacy and criminal justice; and
- Teaching of law in the Arab region.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ACIJLP held a number of workshops and conferences calling for the dissemination and consolidation of United Nations principles and activation of issued covenants and declarations. ACIJLP also organized various events to raise awareness of governments in the Arab region (including Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Sudan, and Tunisia) on the principles, charters and declarations issued by the United Nations, such as the Second Optional Protocol on Civil and Political Rights on the abolition of the death penalty. In order to commemorate the 11th International Day against the Death Penalty, ACIJLP organized a workshop on "The role of judges, public prosecutors and lawyers in reducing the application of the death penalty in the Arab States" in Cairo, Egypt from 9 to 11 June 2013 which was attended by legal professionals and human rights activists from various Arab countries including Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates and Yemen. ACIJLP also

organized a seminar under the auspices of the Jordanian Ministry of Justice titled "The role of electronic media in reducing the death penalty."

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ACIJLP delivered oral remarks and written statements during the 22nd session of the United Nations Human Rights Council held in Geneva, Switzerland from 25 February to 22 March 2013. The organization's interventions addressed obstacles to the independence of the judiciary in Egypt, ensuring equal access to justice, and challenges facing the implementation of national legislation to enforce human rights law and the rule of law.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

ACIJLP has cooperated extensively with United Nations bodies in furthering its mandate. In March 2014, ACIJLP participated in the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) which tracked progress on the human rights situation in Egypt and the government's commitment to implement the recommendations of the International Council for Human Rights. On 14 December 2014, the organization issued a statement advocating for the International Criminal Court (ICC) to take necessary actions on the arrest of wanted persons involved in serious crimes and crimes against humanity.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

3. Asociación Mujeres Unidas para el Microcrédito

Special, 2008

Introduction

Asociación Mujeres Unidas para el Microcrédito is an international non-governmental organization, established in Spain in 1996, that promotes microfinance.

Aims and purposes of the organization

For over 16 years, the NGO has worked on a range of projects to promote social development and the empowerment of women, to eradicate discrimination through international cooperation, to promote microcredit and to honour the cultural heritage of underprivileged communities around the world.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Having renewed the Communication on Engagement of the United Nations Global Compact, the main goal of the organization is to support the diffusion of documents through the Official Document System (ODS).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Since 2011, the organization has been a member of the Department of Public Information of the United Nations and has annually submitted review questionnaires. This NGO collaborated with United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in a draft project for women in the Dominican Republic titled "Tejiendo Futuro."

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

4. Association Dunenyo

Special, 2012

Introduction

Dunenyo is a Togolese non-profit development and international solidarity organization.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's main aims are: to implement the right of all persons to a healthy environment and living conditions; to combat desertification and environmental pollution; to combat trafficking in children, exploitation of orphans and the poor; to provide aid to the poorest populations; to raise grassroots awareness about sexually transmitted diseases; and to practise sustainable eco-tourism activities in nature in a manner that is respectful of the environment.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization is active in the areas of humanitarian concerns, health, education, human rights, and the environment. As part of its consultative role, it organizes training events for young people on human rights and health topics and on combating HIV/AIDS and malaria.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization has actively followed the work of the Human Rights Council by participating in the 28th, 29th and 30th sessions in Geneva, Switzerland. It also took part in the second World Human Rights Forum in Marrakesh, Morocco, from 27 to 30 November 2014 and the 23rd session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review in Geneva, Switzerland, from 2 to 13 November 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In the framework of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) the association carries out renovation of school buildings and provides basic necessities to improve the lot of orphans in orphanages.

5. Egyptian AIDS Society

Special, 2000

Introduction

Established in 1992, the Egyptian AIDS Society (EAS) focuses on raising awareness of HIV/AIDS, supporting people living with HIV/AIDS and advocating against their discrimination in society.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to:

- Increase awareness among youth, media personnel, health workers, and community members of HIV/AIDS and its preventative methods through training sessions, workshops, seminars, symposiums and conferences;
- Train technical and professional personnel in the medical, social, educational, and mass media fields on HIV/AIDS prevention;
- Provide comprehensive support to people living with HIV/AIDS;
- Eliminate all forms of discrimination and stigma against people living with HIV/AIDS and support their human rights;
- Cooperate with governments, national and international organizations and private institutions to implement activities and support HIV/AIDS-related programmes, both financially and socially;
- Perform researches and studies related to sexually transmitted infections (STI) and HIV/AIDS; and
- Disseminate messages through multiple mass media outlets to raise public awareness of HIV/AIDS and its side effects.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

EAS contributes to the work of the United Nations by raising awareness of HIV/AIDS, decreasing stigma and discrimination towards people living with HIV/AIDS and establishing their human rights. EAS commemorated the World

AIDS Day between 2013 and 2015 by organizing events which were widely covered by the media and attracted hundreds of participants.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

EAS has actively participated in various task forces and consultations held by the United Nations and its bodies including the following:

- "Reflections and the Way Forward," co-organized by the National AIDS Program and UNAIDS Cairo, Egypt, 28 December 2014;
- Egypt Country Partnership Framework 2015-2019, organized by World Bank Group (WBG), Alexandria. Egypt, 19 June 2014 (Phase 1) and 24 February 2015 (Phase 2);
- Stakeholders meeting to launch the Test–Treat–Retain Cascade Analysis, co-organized by World Health Organization (WHO), Egypt, 26-27 January 2015;
- 59th Commission on the Status of Women, New York, 9-20 March 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Between 2013 and 2015, the organization collaborated with the World Bank Group to implement a project funded by the Ford Foundation to support the human rights of people living with HIV/AIDS and their families, and help them obtain access to comprehensive medical and social care through service delivery sites of Egypt's Ministry of Health.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

EAS contributed to goals 5 and 6 of the MDGs by providing training, advocacy and raising awareness of 2,000 healthcare workers, 150 media personnel and 400 youth in the field of HIV/AIDS. It also contributed towards improving maternal health, decreasing stigma and discrimination towards people living with HIV/AIDS and establishing their human rights.

6. Endeavour Forum

Special, 2000

Introduction

Endeavour Forum Inc. is an Australian women's pro-family NGO which works with similar organizations, both locally and overseas.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Endeavour Forum Inc. aims to enhance the status of women, particularly in support of motherhood, pregnancy and lactation.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

This organization addresses issues impacting the health of women and children and the violation of basic human rights of women through its quarterly newsletter and email news service.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In addition to regularly participating in major conferences organized by United Nations Women, the organization has attended all sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women during this period.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization organized side-events related to the themes of the Commission on the Status of Women for each year.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization has supported the MDGs through initiatives that address poverty eradication, women and children's health and the violation of basic human rights of women.

7. Fondation Ostad Elahi: éthique et solidarité humaine

Special, 2008

Introduction

Fondation Ostad Elahi — éthique et solidarité humaine (Ostad Elahi — Ethics and Human Solidarity), a public interest foundation recognized in 2000 by the French State, is based in Paris. The aim of the foundation is to truly foster closer relations between people by focusing on developing what lies at the root of all solidarity: the sense of decency present in everyone. Its geographical scope is essentially France and the French-speaking countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization takes a secular and intercultural approach to its work through round tables, seminars, discussion groups, research, higher education modules, publications, web TV, etc.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The foundation contributes to the work of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations by organizing high-level forums and round tables of experts which focus on the themes covered by the Council each year, including those of the Commission for Social Development. This NGO has conducted several symposia in collaboration with various universities and colleges, such as the Paris Institute of

Political Studies, Descartes University, the faculty of law of the University of Fribourg in Switzerland, the Institut de France, etc.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization contributed to the work of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations by participating regularly in various events organized by the United Nations. This included participation in the 51st and 53rd sessions of the Commission for Social Development and in the 2013 and 2014 Annual Ministerial Reviews.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

From 2012 to 2015 the high-level forums organized by this NGO in cooperation with various academic institutions enabled broad participation by partners. These events were identified as examples of best practice and valuable sources of lessons learned.

8. Foundation for GAIA

Special, 2012

Introduction

Foundation for GAIA (GAIA) advocates for the protection of life-support systems and progress towards a new sustainable and just economic system that makes a clear distinction between wholesome and cancerous forms of growth.

Aims and purposes of the organization

This organization seeks to place environmental and human rights issues on the international agenda in order to achieve its vision of an ecologically, economically and socially sustainable and equitable world.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

GAIA has been instrumental in creating the "NGO Forum on Environment" which holds debates on environment-related agenda items of the United Nations, including climate and sustainable development goals (SDGs). Between 2013 and 2015, GAIA also took part in consultations of the "Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group" on a draft United Nations declaration on the right to peace. It provided training sessions on the United Nations system in collaboration with the Swiss human rights institution, Incomindios Schweiz, on 20 February 2013. Additionally, GAIA has actively collaborated with various academic institutions, inter alia to discuss the role of faith-based NGOs at the United Nations in

collaboration with the University of Fribourg, Switzerland on 3 May 2013. In May 2014, GAIA convened a meeting for students of London University on the right of peoples to peace and environmental issues in collaboration with Tufts University.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

GAIA has participated extensively in meetings held by the United Nations including the 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th session of the United Nations Human Rights Council (HRC) and related social fora. Additionally, the organization participated in the 6th, 7th and 8th sessions of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples between 2013 and 2015. Its representatives also attended the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Forum on Business and Human Rights between 2012 and 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

GAIA is part of the Geneva Climate Change Coalition (GeCCCo) and has submitted various statements to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

9. Global Economist Forum

Special, 2012

Introduction

The Global Economist Forum (GEF) is a non-profit organization, registered by the government of Bangladesh.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The main objective of GEF is poverty alleviation. Additional areas of focus include trade and investment development, women's empowerment, human resources development, training, human rights, research and humanitarian activities.

Significant changes in the organization

GEF has experienced a significant increase in its training, capacity-building programmes and publications. This organization has also signed cooperation contracts with new national and international entities and has opened three new country chapters in India, Nepal and Sri Lanka.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

GEF contributed to the work of the United Nations by working to list Bangladesh as a country with middle income status by 2021 and submitting policy papers to the Ministry of Planning and Rural Development of Bangladesh on a biannual basis.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

GEF has supported the MDGs by assisting the poorest population to obtain access to banking and credit for small enterprises and industries. During the last four years, the organization has achieved the following:

- Provided access to banking and credit to 832 families which has allowed them to gain self-employment;
- Created job opportunities for 500 persons, directly and indirectly;
- Arranged the training of 100 professionals;
- Conducted 20 business and investment promotion programmes; and
- Published 72 monthly bulletins and 12 research and policy papers.

10. Global Hope Network International

Special, 2012

Introduction

Global Hope Network International (GHNI) is dedicated to helping the underserved people in the 70 poorest countries of Asia, Africa and the Middle East, by providing aid, sustainable development, education and leadership training.

Aims and purposes of the organization

GHNI's core focus is teaching communities to transform themselves sustainably and preventing communities from becoming dependent on international partners to escape perpetual poverty and despair. GHNI delivers Transformational Community Development (TCD) trainings to local community leaders in the water, food, wellness, income and education sectors. Additionally, GHNI, through its Geneva Institute for Leadership and Public Policy (GILPP), trains national leaders on how to move their country toward prosperity through public policy and rule of law initiatives.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

GHNI has supported the development agenda of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in the following countries: Afghanistan, Algeria, Armenia, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Chad, China, Egypt, Ethiopia India, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kenya, Kurdistan, Lebanon, Libya, Malawi, Malaysia,

Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Serbia, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Republic of Sudan, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkey and Uganda through:

- primary education, family health education development and child rearing;
- personal hygiene, disease and infant mortality prevention, and pre/post-natal care;
- training in human trafficking awareness, prevention, public policy, leadership and post-conflict resolution;
- 50/50 community partnership micro-business development;
- self-sustainable farming and innovation to increase food production;
- refugee rehabilitation services; and
- water sanitation and irrigation projects.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

GHNI participated in the 8th Annual Psychology Day at the United Nations in New York on 30 April 2015. It also attended the 23rd session of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) in Geneva, Switzerland on 4 June 2013. Additionally, it attended the International Day of Prayer for Peace hosted by the United Nations Christian Association (UNCA) in Geneva, Switzerland, 23 September 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

MDGs 1, 2, 5 and 6 in Kenya: GHNI provided training in business creation and innovation to the Rubani women's groups. It also delivered pre/post-natal education which includes topics such as HIV/AIDS, child disease and hygiene issues to expectant mothers to decrease infant mortality rates.

MDG 1, 4, 5 and 7 in Afghanistan: GHNI empowered community members on sustainable environment measures and educated mothers on birth/lifesaving skills to reduce infant mortality.

MDG 1 and 2 in India: Along with providing training in child literacy and education to women, GHNI also guided farmers on techniques to increase crop cultivation through the "Miracle Acre" strategy that involves soil/drip irrigation techniques.

MDG 1 in Indonesia: GHNI educated local families/farmers on best practices regarding cocoa bean fermentation, seeding, pruning and grafting, as well as innovative methods to protect cocoa beans from contaminants thereby increasing production and sale during the reporting period. It also empowered local women to start shrimp breeding businesses.

MDG 1 in Ethiopia: GHNI taught communities on group farming methods, including implementing goat-loan programs and shrimp farming businesses to increase income/food production that would decrease the overall hunger and poverty in the region.

11. Global Sustainable Electricity Partnership/Partenariat mondial pour l'électricité durable

Special, 2012

Introduction

Global Sustainable Electricity Partnership (GSEP) is a non-profit organization that promotes sustainable energy development worldwide through electricity sector projects and capacity-building initiatives in over 110 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's mission is to play an active role in global electricity issues and to promote sustainable development through electricity sector projects and capacity-building activities in developing nations.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Since 2012, GSEP has collaborated with the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe to support the "Sustainable Energy for all" (SE4ALL) initiative which sought to increase access to clean electricity by distributing 60,000 solar lanterns across eight countries. It also conducted workshops and capacity-building seminars in various countries of Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean reaching over 600 participants. Additional projects conducted in 2013 include the "Patagonia Wind Diesel Hybrid and Micro hydro" project which provided renewable energy to remote communities in Argentina and the "Energy for Education" project where solar photovoltaic systems were installed in rural schools of Nepal. In 2015, GSEP started the "Dhiffushi Solar Ice" project through which solar photovoltaic systems and ice machines are being installed to support local economic activities in the Republic of Maldives.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives attended the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from 20 to 22 June 2012. This NGO also participated in the 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

GSEP collaborated with the following United Nations bodies, among others:

- United Nations Economic Commission for Europe: it launched its Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) for Sustainable Electricity Development Program, 2012-2013;
- Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean: it implemented three capacity-building workshops, 2012-2014; and

– United Nations Development Programme (UNDP): it contributed towards reducing the environmental impact of animal waste on rural water resources through the "Uruguay Biogas Microgeneration System Project", since 2014.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization contributed to goals 7 and 8 of the MDGs through its sustainable electricity projects and capacity-building activities which increase access to renewable energy and promote sustainable development. In November 2015, this organization implemented a workshop with the Millennium Development Authority of Ghana, an organization also committed to achieving the MDGs.

12. Globe Aware

Special, 2008

Introduction

Globe Aware is a US and Canadian charity that operates in Brazil, Cambodia, China, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Ghana, Guatemala, India, Mexico, Peru, Romania, South Africa, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Globe Aware aims to promote sustainability and cultural awareness through short term projects that increase local populations' access to sustainable initiatives and cultural awareness.

Significant changes in the organization

This organization is considering downsizing activities in countries affected by the Zika virus.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Globe Aware undertook various activities to advance the development agenda of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) by improving social and economic conditions of indigent people. For example, Globe Aware recently initiated a programme to assist single mothers in Guatemala by installing concrete floors in their homes and constructing gardens. It has also begun an educational programme for children in Ecuador.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Globe Aware has actively participated in meetings of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations of ECOSOC in New York. It also participated in the 56th session of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York held from 27 February to 9 March 2012, where it made recommendations on projects promoting women's health. Additionally, it was represented in consultations of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS+10) convened by the United Nations General Assembly in New York, held on 19 October 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Globe Aware undertook several activities to improve the socio-economic condition of various communities and help improve their standard of living. In support of the MDGs, the organization improved housing conditions of women in Guatemala and Ecuador, provided food and hygiene education to 795 children and assembled stoves in Peru, built three schools and 14 restroom facilities in Ghana, taught English literacy to 120 children in India, distributed 89 wheelchairs to landmine victims with no access to healthcare in Cambodia, and built 55 mobile libraries for pre-kindergartners in Vietnam.

13. Guru Angad Dev Sewa Society — Punjab, Ludhiana

Special, 2012

Introduction

Founded in 1997, the Guru Angad Dev Sewa Society is a non-governmental organization dedicated to providing health, education and human rights assistance to women, children and lower income groups, including slum dwellers.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to improve the social conditions of lower income groups, including slum dwellers, by providing primary health care, raising awareness of health and sanitation and facilitating basic education to rural communities. In the longer term, it aims to contribute towards ending domestic violence against women, offer income-generation projects to women, provide reproductive and healthcare assistance and conduct advocacy on existing laws for women.

Significant changes in the organization

Since this organization obtained ECOSOC consultative status in 2012, it has redirected its focus towards implementing the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) of the United Nations.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization has participated in several international workshops on women's issues, where it has presented key findings in health awareness and shared replicable models with other institutions. It actively participated in meetings of the Commission on the Status of Women between 2013 and 2015 which allowed it to exchange ideas and collaborate with other non-governmental organizations working in the same field.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the 57th and 59th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women held in New York from 4-15 March 2013 and 8-20 March

2015, respectively. Representatives of the NGO actively attended and served as guest speakers during related forums.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization has contributed to helping communities achieve goals 3 and 5 of the MDGs. To promote gender equality and empower women it has held awareness campaigns and provided basic literacy and vocational training to rural women to improve their status in society. In order to improve maternal health, the NGO has provided assistance to expectant women aimed at reducing child mortality. It is collaborating with other civil society organizations under the "Commonhealth" umbrella to consolidate achievements of the MDGs and set out additional indicators for the sustainable development goals.

14. Human Rights Association for Community Development in Assiut

Special, 2012

Introduction

The Human Rights Association for Community Development in Assiut (HRACDA) is working to promote and protect human rights of Egyptian citizens, especially in the Upper Egypt region. This association works with marginalized groups including children, women, youth, and victims of torture and violations of human rights.

Aims and purposes of the organization

HRACDA aims to apply international standards of human rights, raise community awareness and provide support and assistance to marginalized and vulnerable groups in the Upper Egypt region by: providing advanced mechanisms to raise awareness and educate youth; monitoring and documenting women's and youth issues; applying international standards of human rights in Egypt; raising community awareness and mechanisms of practicing democracy; networking with other NGOs to raise awareness of human rights; and establishing legal clinics to provide support and legal assistance to marginalized and vulnerable groups.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization furthered the work of the United Nations through the implementation of three projects funded by the European Commission titled "Caring of Prisoners' Families and Respecting their Rights," September, 2015; "Keeping and Accrediting Nubian Heritage," March 2015; and "Serving Physically disabled persons" in collaboration with Handicap International also in March 2015.

Furthermore, it implemented a project titled "Youth Employment in Environmental Clean-up Campaigns in Assiut Governorate" funded by the World Bank in June 2013.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In addition to providing written statements to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Substantive Session in May 2013 and the 57th session of the Commission on the Status of Women in November 2012, this organization participated in the following meetings:

- 20th session, Human Rights Council Universal Periodic Review (UPR), Geneva, Switzerland, 27 October-7 November 2014;
- 28th session, Human Rights Council Universal Periodic Review (UPR), Geneva, Switzerland, 2-27 March 2015;
- 59th Session, Commission on the Status of Women, New York, March 2015;
- 2015 Non-Governmental (NGO) Conference, United Nations, New York, 25-27 August 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

This organization collaborated with United Nations Women to implement a project titled "Supporting Women's Political Empowerment in Assiut" from October 2014 to April 2015.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization's activities did not focus on specific initiatives in fulfilment of the MDGs, but rather on supporting the overall development agenda through advocacy and outreach.

15. IDP Foundation

Special, 2012

Introduction

Established in 2008, the IDP Foundation, Inc. is a private non-profit foundation dedicated to encouraging and supporting the development of innovative and sustainable solutions to complex global issues.

Aims and purposes of the organization

To address poverty and gender inequality, IDP Foundation provides education-specific programmes such as the Rising Schools Programme which was developed as a model for improving educational infrastructure in existing low-fee private schools that serve the poor. This innovative, multi-faceted program is rapidly scaling and is proving to be a viable, sustainable financial model that can be replicated around the world. IDP Foundation also offers grant programmes to support healthcare and medical research, education and other programmes that fall within its mission.

Significant changes in the organization

IDP Foundation has expanded its scope of work by creating viable financing mechanisms to improve education in areas of extreme poverty in Ghana, while establishing a close relationship with the education services of the Ghanaian government. Other affiliates of the Foundation include the Center for Education Innovations, Global Partnership for Education and the International Education Funders Group.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In addition to attending various Sustainable Development Summit plenary sessions, the IDP Foundation also participated in the following meetings:

- United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) hosted Global Health Impact Forum "What Makes a Grant Great or Philanthropic Gift?" New York, May 2014;
- ECOSOC Partnerships Forum "The Role of Partnerships and their Contribution to the Post-2015 Development Agenda", New York, 9-10 April 2014;
- UNESCO UNOPS Conference on "Impact of Public-Private Partnerships in Education: Building Evidence" New York, 25 May 2012;
- United Nations Foundation — "GirlUp Leadership Summit" Washington, D.C., 29 March 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

IDP Foundation organizes the annual "Distinguished Lecture in Social and Economic Development" in partnership with ECOSOC and the Foreign Policy Association (FPA) in New York. Additionally, this organization has hosted key United Nations dignitaries including the Director-General of UNESCO, Ms. Irina Bokova, in March 2012.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The IDP Rising Schools Programme was developed in response to a market demand for addressing the needs for the growing low-fee private school sector in Ghana. This programme targets the poor and seeks to improve their access to quality education through partnerships. To date, the programme has trained 442 low-cost private school proprietors in school management, reached around 105,590 children and disbursed 298 micro-loans for approximately $810,000 USD (3.2 million Ghanaian currency, GHS) with a 93% repayment rate. IDP Foundation has also partnered with other non-governmental organizations such as XPRIZE to devise innovation and technology solutions. Other significant initiatives include partnering with Eneza Education to launch virtual tutorials accessible on low-cost mobiles and collaborating with Sesame Workshop to create practice-oriented openly accessibly online instructional videos for teachers.

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Special, 1996

Introduction

The Alliance for Arab Women (AAW) has been active in empowering women politically and economically, especially focusing on female heads of households. Through its branches in various Governorates in Egypt, it has established outreach programmes and organized workshops and seminars to advance its objectives.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization was created in response to the need to empower women at the grassroots level by assisting vulnerable groups in rural areas of Egypt.

Significant changes in the organization

As of February 2015, AAW has a new chairman.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

AAW contributed to drafting the Shadow Report of Beijing+15, and provided written statements in both the Arabic and English to the 55th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in New York, on 4 March 2010. AAW also participated in various conferences, seminars and workshops convened by UN Women and the CSW in 2015.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attended various meetings of UN Women to discuss violence against women and the economic empowerment of women, and also participated in the annual meetings of the CSW between 2012 and 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

AAW organized various events with special emphasis on women's issues in particular education and health.

2. Institut international de sciences politiques

Special, 2008

Introduction

The Institut International de Sciences Politiques has relations of mutual recognition and cooperation with the United Nations and a number of Spanish universities, law firms and international consultancy firms.

Aims and purposes of the organization

This organization is committed to providing a forum where people of various philosophical and political convictions can exchange views.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Institut actively follows the work of the United Nations in the field of human rights. It promotes the work of the Economic and Social Council on its website. It also participated actively in the following meetings and events, among others:

- Course on politics and administration, with special emphasis on the Latin American region, in collaboration with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), January-June 2012, Spain;
- Seminar on the development of sustainable and renewable energy, 20 May 2013, Madrid, Spain; and
- Round table on "education, food and health'" in collaboration with UNESCO, 5 November 2015, Madrid, Spain.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Between 2012 and 2015, the organization participated in numerous events in collaboration with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), UNESCO and the United Nations Global Compact on such topics as human rights, immigration and refugees, sustainable development and road safety.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

The organization interacts with UNESCO and was involved in the establishment of the UNESCO department for world heritage protection on 7 November 2012.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Institut is focusing its efforts on advancing the following Millennium Development Goals (MDGs):

Goals 1, 4 and 5: Joint funding with Doctors Without Borders and UNICEF to feed children suffering from malnutrition and youth in developing countries in Asia;

Goals 2, 5 and 6: Organization of a number of targeted meetings on the education of children and their mothers; and

Goal 7: Support for efforts to develop sustainable energy policies.

3. Iraqi Development Organization

Special, 2012

Introduction

The Iraqi Development Organization (IDO) was established in 2008 to raise awareness about educational, physical and psychological health, human rights and social welfare issues in Iraqi society.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The main activities carried out by the organization are women's craft workshops, and establishing a trauma and counselling centre, an autism centre, the Orphan Trust, a disability care programme, and a physiotherapy centre.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IDO, with the Alridha Foundation, submitted joint written statements to, and made oral interventions at the 30th Session of the Human Rights Council in September 2015 focusing on the armed intervention of the Saudi-led coalition in Yemen. IDO advocated on behalf of countries in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), including Yemen, through oral interventions at various Human Rights Council sessions.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In addition to attending the 30th session of the Human Rights Council (HRC) in September 2015, IDO also attended the 14th Session of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CPRD) in Geneva, Switzerland from 25 to 28 August 2015. Additionally, it met with officials from the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) and the United Nations Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) on 30 January 2013 in Baghdad, Iraq to discuss issues of mutual interest.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

IDO regularly cooperates with the United Nations Secretariat and agencies of the United Nations in the framework of the Human Rights Council (HRC).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

IDO supports the MDGs by fostering development, education, rehabilitation and support of vulnerable peoples in Iraq, specifically those with learning difficulties, with physical disabilities or orphans who have lost one or both parents.

4. Islamic Women's Institute of Iran

Special, 2000

Introduction

The Islamic Women's Institute of Iran (IWII) contributes to sustainable social and cultural development at the national, regional and international levels. It collaborates with established NGOs such as Mazlumder and the International Commission for Human Rights, Kashmir centre to pursue its objectives.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IWII aims to advance on the development goals through the following objectives: cultivate better human resources by improving public awareness; raise awareness of social and economic rights within the human rights framework; advocate against poverty and discrimination of vulnerable groups in society; and support environmental development issues. It also hosts capacity building workshops targeting community members, including youth and women, by providing training on: rights of citizenship; civil; justice, health, property and international laws; addiction prevention, poverty reduction, usage of media, religion, population control, violation prevention, environmental protection, and reproduction.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IWII promoted the work of the United Nations through a series of meetings, training and capacity building workshops to discuss human rights, investigation procedures, civil and criminal law, national rights of women, children and youth. In 2012, it hosted a workshop on the right of education and life skills, and convened a campaign for media experts and activists to combat air pollution in 2013. It also engaged in a wide range of activities to empower local communities to prevent hunting endangered species, and supporting female-headed households through apparel production enterprises. The organization has attended regional meetings in Afghanistan and Tajikistan and publishes monthly magazines since 2013.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the 57th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) held from 4 to 15 March 2013 in New York and convened a panel discussing advancement and challenges faced by Iranian women. It also engaged in the preparatory aspects for the 58th session of CSW held from 10 to 21 March 2014 and submitted oral statements to key events including those encouraging the participation of women in developing countries.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Since 2003, IWII has been collaborating with the Small Grants Programme of the Global Environment Facility led by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No cooperation was specified.

5. Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice

Special, 2004

Introduction

The Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice (IPJ) established in 2000 at the University of San Diego's Kroc School of Peace Studies, fosters peace, cultivates justice and creates a safer world by working to improve lives of individuals facing armed conflict and human rights abuses in Asia, Africa and Middle East and North Africa.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim of IPJ is to assist in transition and recovery from conflict and to facilitate collaboration among government leaders, civil society and security groups. IPJ offers workshops, dialogue processes, and venues for advancement of peacebuilding techniques.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Through its WorldLink for Youth Program, IPJ cosponsored events celebrating the International Day of the Girl Child in 2014 and Junior Model United Nations in 2015. IPJ commemorates International Women's Day by hosting annual breakfasts in San Diego, California, to recognize women's achievements in ending discrimination and gaining equality and share findings of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). The themes of the annual breakfasts were:

- "Connect, Create, Celebrate", 14 March 2012;
- "Prevention of violence against women", 13 March 2013;
- "Voices of the Future", 20 March 2014; and
- "Twenty Years Beyond Beijing — Girls Empowered, Humanity Empowered", 18 March 2015.

It also commemorated United Nations International Human Rights Day through the following events:

– "Should Human Rights Trump Peace? The Case of Colombia", October 2012;

– "Drones, International Law, and the 'Forever War': The Future of U.S. Policy", October 2013

– "From the Frontlines: The Challenges of Getting to the Truth", January 2015.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

IPJ actively participated in meetings of the United Nations including the 56th, 57th, 58th and 59th sessions of the CSW and co-sponsored a number of side events between 2013 and 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In conjunction with the United Nations Women (UN Women), IPJ co-convened two international conferences titled "Breaking Barriers: What it will take to achieve security, justice and peace" in 2012 and "Defying Extremism: Gendered Responses to Religious Violence" in 2014. It collaborated with several bodies of the United Nations including Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO), Department of Political Affairs (DPA), United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC), and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), and liaises with various officials including special rapporteurs.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

6. Krityanand UNESCO Club Jamshedpur

Special, 2012

Introduction

Krityanand UNESCO Club Jamshedpur (KNUC) is an NGO that seeks to increase public awareness on global development issues and support the activities of the United Nations.

Aims and purposes of the organization

This organization seeks to contribute to the socio-economic development of communities and respond to the changing social realities by cultivating and applying knowledge and by taking initiatives to develop sustainable societies that promote and safeguard equality, social justice and human rights.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

KNUC submitted written statements to two ECOSOC High Level Segments (HLS) held from 1 to 4 July 2013 in Geneva, Switzerland and on 6-10 July 2015 in New York. It also submitted statements to the 58th and 59th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) held in New York from 10 to 21 March 2014 and 9 to 20 March 2015, respectively.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization signed statements with other non-government organizations in support of the "Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH)" on 28 February 2013 organized by the World Health Organization (WHO). It also signed a joint letter from the civil society calling to India and African countries to discuss development issues and presented its findings at the 10th Ministerial Conference hosted by the World Trade Organization (WTO) on 19 December 2015 in Nairobi, Kenya.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

KNUC has supported goal 3 of the MDGs by promoting gender equality and empowering women. It also contributed to goals 4 and 5 by providing nutritional care information to children and prenatal care to mothers through its sustainable rural development project in 2014.

7. Le Conseil des jeunes congolais de l'étranger

Special: 2012

Introduction

The aim of the Conseil des Jeunes Congolais de l'Étranger (CJCE) is to raise awareness of human rights-related issues in African society.

Aims and purposes of the organization

CJCE works on humanitarian and socioeconomic development issues in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. In particular, it is committed to promoting the integration of Swiss Congolese and other foreign nationals into society, combating racism in all its forms, establishing a global partnership for sustainable development, and ensuring universal primary education.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No cooperation was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

8. Liberian United Youth for Community Safety and Development

Special, 2012

Introduction

Liberia United Youth for Community Safety and Development (LUYCSD) is dedicated to providing sustainable services to women and children and assistance to individuals with chronic diseases and disability.

Aims and purposes of the organization

LUYCSD provides sustainable services to women, children, youth and people with chronic diseases and disabilities in the areas of health, education, peace building, including microfinance programmes for war affected widows; and counselling to victims of HIV/AIDS and other diseases.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Since the Ebola outbreak in Liberia, LUYCSD implemented various projects in the community to ensure the following:

- Supported Ebola awareness and sensitization activities;
- Addressed stigmatization and discrimination against Ebola survivors, orphans and quarantined families, and provided counselling to survivors and orphans;
- Initiated community dialogue for settling disputes and fostering peaceful co-existence;
- Conducted workshops and training for civil society organizations, youth groups, women's organizations, and stakeholders on stigmatization and discrimination for patient safety;
- Promoted early identification and treatment of Ebola patients to reduce mortality rates.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

LUYCSD attended the following meetings in New York:

- The 59th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women held from 9 to 20 March 2015;
- The 48th Session of the Commission on Population and Development from 16 March to 2 April, 2015;
- The 14th Session of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration held from 20 to 24 April 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization has supported the MDGs by raising awareness and sensitization of Ebola in communities; providing counselling to Ebola survivors and orphans; combating stigmatization and discrimination against Ebola survivors, orphans and quarantined families; and creating platforms for community dialogue to settle disputes and promote peaceful co-existence.

9. Mahila Dakshata Samiti

Special, 1996

Introduction

Mahila Dakshata Samiti (MDS) is dedicated to exercising vigilance and combating dowry, injustice and atrocities affecting women and children. MDS strives to enhance the status of women and works closely with other organizations, including the National Commission of Women, Crime against Women Cell, Free Legal Aid Centers, Social Welfare Board, and the Ministry for Women and Child.

Aims and purposes of the organization

MDS has played a vital role in building the women's movement in India through work carried out by its domestic and foreign branches. It seeks to empower women in the political, economic, social and cultural dimensions by: providing counselling services; offering free temporary shelter, free legal aid and health care for the poor; and organizing seminars/workshops on issues related to educational and medical needs for women and children. The amendment of various laws in support of the protection of women, dowry, rape, female feticide, domestic violence and 33% reservation for women are attributable to this organization's extensive efforts.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

MDS regularly organizes side events during the sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

MDS regularly participates in meetings of the United Nations. It attended the Sustainable Development Summit in New York on September 25 to 27, 2015. It also attended the annual sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women during this reporting period, and actively engaged in meetings related to Beijing+20.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

MDS attended the Asia-Pacific Civil Society Forum on Sustainable Development, organized by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) in Bangkok, Thailand, on 14 November 2014 where it organized a side event on strengthening accountability mechanisms. It also collaborated with United Nations Women, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) on addressing gender issues.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

10. Major Alliance Education Centre

Special, 2012

Introduction

Major Alliance Education Centre (MAEC) is a regional organization based in Tanzania committed to empowering women and supporting the vulnerable groups to fight against the HIV/AIDS epidemic and drug abuse.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim of the organization is to:

- Enable community members to know the rights of children and youth;
- To exercise every child's right to early education;
- To promote advocacy of marginalized groups, including women and youth, in their efforts to combat hunger and poverty;
- To enable the community to fight against pandemic diseases including HIV/AIDS and drug abuse through community mobilization;
- To promote gender and human rights for vulnerable groups in the community including orphans and women.

Significant changes in the organization

Since 2013, MAEC changed its organizational set up to enable the board of directors to take charge of administration which is managed by the executive director.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

MAEC contributes to the work of the United Nations by advocating that each child fully develops his/her capabilities, personal criteria and moral and social responsibility according to articles 28 & 29 of the United Nations Declaration on Child Rights. It provided 950 primary and secondary school children with education facilities, which included the provision of scholastic materials and school fees.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

MAEC cooperated with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) to provide support to human trafficking victims.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In support of the MDGs, MAEC concentrated its efforts on lobbying and advocating for women and children. Notable activities include the "Child Young Mothers Tutoring Program"; training for youth on life-skills, organizing a campaign against HIV/AIDS; combating drug abuse; and the provision of psychological support.

11. Match International Centre

Special, 1996

Introduction

Match International Centre (MIC), provides direct funding to women-led social innovations that are breaking new ground for women's rights, in addition to supporting the structural needs of organizations advocating for women. The organization is based in Ottawa, Canada, and collaborates with institutions in Asia, Latin America, Africa, and Oceania.

Aims and purposes of the organization

MIC places the issue of women's rights and empowerment as central to successful and sustained development in the global south. Through meaningful and strategic collaboration, learning and action, it invests in women's innovations toward lasting improvements in the rights and equality of women globally. In addition to financial support, it also provides capacity building, mentorship, peer

learning and access to expertise required to scale up innovations and to accelerate impact.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2010, MIC re-launched itself as Canada's only international fund for women under the name Match International Women's Fund and redirected its efforts to support related initiatives breaking new ground for women's rights.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization supports women's rights organizations around the world that have contributed to achieving women's rights and gender equality. It also provides a third of its partners with capacity building for social innovators and entrepreneurs through a coaching programme using webinars and other online tools to encourage innovative leadership. In 2014 and 2015, MIC supported 20 organizations that support innovative ideas including the Fonds pour les femmes Congolaises and Urgent Action Fund for Women's Human Rights.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

MIC participates actively in parallel organizations and networks that support the work of the United Nations within Canada. It is an active member of the Women, Peace and Security Network in Canada, a network of organizations that promotes and monitors the efforts of the Government of Canada to implement and support the United Nations Security Council Resolutions on women, peace and security.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

All activities of the organization are focused towards achieving goal 3 of the MDGs by providing flexible grants to women's rights organizations around the world and participating in or convening activities commemorating the International Women's Day.

12. New Future Foundation

Special, 2008

Introduction

New Future Foundation (NFF) is a non-profit organization with the mission to facilitate international and domestic socio-economic development, community outreach, education, and health.

Aims and purposes of the organization

NFF seeks to facilitate international and domestic socio-economic development through recreation, education, cultural initiatives, health issues, female youth literacy programmes, advocacy and outreach programmes. The organization believes in empowering women to expand their participation across the various social strata to narrow the gender gap in their political representation.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

NFF recently initiated the United Nations Community Outreach Information Network (COIN) Program which aims to facilitate economic and social development through exposure to companies and world leaders sharing similar or complementary goals related to the United Nations. The key objective is to bridge the gap between local and international communities, as well as to reduce the generational gap between the youth and elderly. In 2014, the NFF Internship Program supported six interns from diverse academic backgrounds to work on issues pertaining to the United Nations. NFF also hosted a side event during the 65th annual United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI) — Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) World Conference on 27 to 29 August 2014 in New York. It implemented programmes for women in poverty, indigenous women, migrants and others vulnerable groups to access adequate health care treatments and collaborates with donors to ensure capacity for relief shelters for women subjected to violence.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

NFF has participated in and provided oral and written statements for a number of events organized by the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), its functional commissions and other subsidiary bodies such as: High-Level meetings of the General Assembly, the regular sessions of the Committee on NGOs, the Commission for Social Development, the Commission on the Status of Women, the Commission on Population and Development, the session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, informal consultations on the Rio+20 outcome document, sessions of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, sessions of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals, the hearing of the General Assembly in the preparation for the United Nations Summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda among others. It also co-sponsored various side events during meetings hosted by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and regularly contributes to the weekly briefings of the Department of Public Information (DPI).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

NFF collaborated with United Nations Women to commemorate the International Day of Women and launched a global campaign on "Empowering

Women — Empowering Humanity" to mark the 20th anniversary of the World Conference on Women in Beijing, held in New York on 26 June 2014. NFF also has engaged in dialogue and plans of action with the following Member States and regional organizations: Bangladesh, Haiti, Jamaica, Mali, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania, Turkey, and the African Union. It regularly cooperates with entities of the United Nations Secretariat including the Department of Social and Economic Affairs (DESA), Department of Public Affairs (DPI), Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO) and United Nations agencies including the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and United Nations Women.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization supported the following MDGs:

Goal 1: By providing rural women and farmers with income and equitable growth resources to bring them out of poverty. NFF partnered with the Integrated Pastoralist Assistance and Development (IPAD) an NGO in Marsabit, Kenya to advance the Pastoralist Water and Sanitation (WASH) Project in the Forole region of Kenya.

Goal 2: By teaching primary education and providing stationary supplies; organizing vocational training for young people to transform their skills; offering courses on English as a second language; and facilitating exchange programs and scholarships.

Goal 3: By setting up skill banks and creating business opportunities for women through micro-loans and conducting training to promote small and medium enterprises.

13. Nigeria-Togo Association

Special: 2008

Introduction

The Nigeria-Togo Association was established to respond to the socioeconomic and cultural aspirations of the populations of the West African subregion.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims and purposes of the organization are to promote peace, improve the well-being of the people, fight to eradicate poverty, combat trafficking in persons, and promote economic and cultural ties among the countries of the subregion.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In collaboration with the Government, a workshop entitled "Catch them young/*Prenez-les jeunes*" was organized in Lagos, Nigeria, from 10 to 13 November 2015. The principal aim of this workshop was to encourage the youth of Nigeria, Benin and Togo to become interested in agriculture. The Governments of the three countries launched initiatives aimed at promoting the intensification of agricultural development programmes in these countries. The organization continues to combat diseases such as HIV/AIDS, Lassa fever, malaria and typhoid fever.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

The organization has working agreements with the United Nations Information Centre in Lagos, Nigeria.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization has carried out the following activities in support of the Millennium Development Goals:

- Campaigning against the cutting of trees with a view to preserving fauna, flora and animal species;
- Encouraging youth to specialize in fields that will enable them to acquire the necessary skills to contribute to development;
- Establishing health centres and providing necessary medicines in rural health centres;
- Calling upon Governments to allocate funds for the development of rural infrastructure; and
- Advocating for private investment in child education.

14. Organisation camérounaise pour la protection de l'arbre

Special: 2012

Introduction

The Organisation camerounaise pour la protection de l'arbre (OCPA) contributes to the fight against deforestation and forest fires. It carries out research on endangered forest species.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Its principal purposes are:

- Awareness-raising on the conservation of natural forests and training in tree farming;

- Classification and management of endangered forest species;
- Technical assistance in managing forest communities;
- Seed collection and selection and research on new forest species;
- Regeneration of forests and reforestation of urban spaces.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

OCPA collaborates with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Cameroon and in Germany on forest development and forest preservation and protection. UNDP representatives have provided training on integrated climate change strategies.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In support of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the organization carries out activities in the forestry sector. OCPA trains river bank residents to manage their forests, submits proposals to the Government on social infrastructure projects for the well-being of communities, and calls on international organizations to provide their expertise in forest certification.

15. Organisation téchnique européenne du pneumatique et de la jante

Special, 2012

Introduction

The European Tyre and Rim Technical Organisation (ETRTO) represents the major tyre, rim and valve manufacturers located in Europe.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to:

- act as a competent body in Europe responsible for dealing with technical aspects of tyres, solid tyres, rims and valves of relevant manufacturers;
- establish common engineering dimensions, load/pressure characteristics together with tolerances and operational guidelines in order to achieve the interchangeability of pneumatic tyres; and

- contribute to and participate in the development of technical legislation which may have an impact on tyres, rims or valves.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization contributes to the activities of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) through its World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations and their rapporteurs in order to improve global road safety in pursuance of the objectives of the Decade of Action for Road Safety (2011-2020) as well as to harmonize tests on tyres to ensure compliance with global technical requirements (GTR).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Between 2012 and 2015, representatives attended the following meetings organized by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) held in Geneva:

- 56th, 57th, 58th and 59th sessions on the Working Party on Noise;
- 73rd, 74th, 75th and 76th, 77th 78th 79th, 80th and 81st sessions on the Working Party on Brakes and Running Gear; and
- 158th, 159th, 160th, 161st, 162nd, 163rd, 164th, 165th, 166th, 167th and 168th sessions on the World Forum for the Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Since 2012, the organization has submitted 36 working documents to the Working Party on Brakes and Running Gear and five working documents to the Working Party on Noise with proposals for improvements and amendment to existing regulations.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Through its objectives, the organization is supporting the declaration of paragraph 27 of the "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" that calls for the adoption of policies to increase sustainable transport systems.

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1. Arigatou International

Special, 2004

Introduction

Arigatou International is dedicated to securing the rights and well-being of children and advancing the culture of peace through interreligious dialogue and cooperative action.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Arigatou provides a values-based platform for implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) by mobilizing faith-based initiatives for children.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During this reporting period, the organization contributed in the following ways:

- US$ 456,344 contribution in support of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) programmes for birth registration in Yemen;
- Typhoon aid in the Philippines and refugee education worldwide;
- Co-convener of Child Rights Connect' Working Group on Children and Violence;
- Co-organized meetings with the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children (SRSG-VAC);
- Developed programmes under a tripartite letter of agreement with UNICEF and the SRSG-VAC;
- Provided recommendations for a paper on child rights at the Experts Meeting with the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion and Belief;
- Co-organized and spoke at side event, "African Faith Leaders' Position and Statement on the Post 2015 Development Agenda", at the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit, New York, 26 September 2015;
- Provided input to the Civil Society section of United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for its "Guidelines on Engaging with Faith-Based Organizations and Religious Leaders".

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Typical examples of the organization's participation include:

- Chaired and/or co-organized side events, 27th-30th sessions of the Human Rights Council (HRC);
- Delivered oral statement, "Towards Better Investment in the Rights of the Child" at 28th session of the Human Rights Council and co-signed oral statements at 27th and 29th sessions;
- Co-organized a panel discussion, "Stop Violence against Children in the Post 2015 Environment", 65th annual conference of United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI);
- "Interactive Dialogue with Major Groups and Other Stakeholders" during the Post-2015 Development Agenda negotiations;
- Opening session of 2015 UNICEF Executive Board;
- Serving on a UNDP panel: "Religion and Violent Extremism: Reaching out to Children and Young Persons for an Effective Community-based Approach to Extremism".

Cooperation with United Nations entities

Arigatou cooperates closely with UNICEF, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), UNDP and the Office of the SRSG-VAC on child rights, intercultural ethics education, countering violence against children and ending child poverty.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Arigatou implemented the following initiatives in support of the MDGs:

- Organized 342 Global Network of Religions for Children (GNRC) events in 41 countries on children's rights which reached more than 6.5 million people, about half of whom were children;
- Developed an intercultural ethics education programme with UNESCO and UNICEF called Learning to Live Together (LTLT), which is now available in 10 languages with 33 educational workshops and events in 24 countries, training 696 ethics education facilitators in 30 countries and reaching more than 5,000 new child participants;
- Since 2013, Prayer and Action for Children organized 362 activities in 76 countries on themes including positive parenting, stopping child marriage and encouraging birth registration;
- End Child Poverty, which mobilizes global and grassroots faith-based resources to eliminate child poverty, focused on organizing 85 events in 37 countries.

2. Centa for Organisational Development

Special, 2012

Introduction

Centa for Organisational Development Ltd/Gte is a gender-focused organization operating at the national level in Nigeria.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Centa seeks to redress imbalances in women's access to socioeconomic, political and cultural rights through research, advocacy, micro-credit and training in education, health, organizational development, and entrepreneurship.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Centa contributed in the following ways to the work of the United Nations:

- Centa coordinated the NGO response to Nigeria's 8th report to the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW);
- Hosted and co-ordinated the programmes and activities of the Civil Society Coalition on Sustainable Development Goals affiliated to Campaign Post 2015; and
- Supports programmes on adolescent reproductive health.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Among others, Centa participated in the following meetings:

- 58th-60th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) where it launched publications on "Twenty Years of Implementing Beijing Platform For Action in Nigeria" (CSW59) and "Blueprint for Sustainable Empowerment of Women, Youths and Persons with Disabilities, Lessons & Best practices for Nigeria 1999 to 2015" (CSW60);
- CSW60 where it submitted a joint statement with YWCA Nigeria;
- Beijing+20, where it submitted a written statement on "A Review of Nigeria's Recognizable Steps Towards Empowering Women and Girls Twenty Years after the Beijing Platform For Action";
- 52nd Session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD), where it submitted a written statement on "Impacting Lives, Changing Our World — A Synopsis of Programs and Challenges of Arm of Hope Foundation in Nigeria"; and
- the High-level event on the Millennium Development Goals and Post-2015 Development Agenda in New York, September 2015, among others.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No initiatives were specified.

3. Central British Fund for World Jewish Relief

Special, 2012

Introduction

World Jewish Relief is the British Jewish community's leading international humanitarian and development charity.

Aims and purposes of the organization

World Jewish Relief aims to empower those out of work or living with disability to become self-reliant; meet the physical and emotional needs of older people; and respond to the immediate and longer term recovery needs of those affected by catastrophic disasters worldwide.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization focused its contribution on targeting the vulnerability and poverty needs of older people and single mothers out of work specifically in Ukraine, Republic of Moldova, Republic of Belarus, Georgia, India and Republic of Rwanda; responding to major humanitarian disasters focusing on food, shelter and livelihoods requirements; and supporting over 7,573 people with disabilities to lead lives of self-reliance and dignity.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization made a written submission to the 59th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW59).

Cooperation with United Nations entities

The organization collaborated with the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) in response to the 2015 earthquake in Nepal and submitted updates on field activities, and in response to mass displacement as a result of conflict in Ukraine in 2015 and submitted field reports and updates to the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) on ongoing gaps in humanitarian needs.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

World Jewish Relief provided assistance to 68,890 individuals in 20 countries working in partnership with 61 partners to deliver 93 programmes. Its flagship initiative was to design and implement a programme enabling primarily women to break out of the cycle of poverty through personal skill and confidence development, retraining and job placements. Almost 3,000 programme participants in Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova have now progressed through this initiative with 78 per cent of them finding full time employment. The organization continued its innovative work in the Republic of Rwanda, empowering 903 vulnerable young people to substantially increase their income through the investment in their agricultural economic capabilities.

4. Federation of European Motorcyclists Associations

Special, 1996

Introduction

The Federation of European Motorcyclists' Associations (FEMA) is the representative federation of road riding motorcyclists.

Aims and purposes of the organization

FEMA's primary objective is to pursue, promote and protect the interests of motorcyclists and adequate safety measures.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant chances.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

FEMA continued the development of the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration policies and contributed, directly and through its member associations, to several prevention and safety manuals. FEMA follows the work of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle regulations (WP.29) of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and publishes motorcycle manufacturer's recall reports in line with the European Commission's Rapid alert system for dangerous non-food products (RAPEX reports).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

FEMA was invited to speak at the 4th European Road Safety Day in Nicosia, Cyprus, on July 25th 2012. The event, organised by the European Commission, is part of the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

FEMA supported Sintered Metal Corporation (SMC) in drafting a report about gender issues in the training and testing for the A driving license. The Riderscan project was started as a knowledge database on motorcycle and road safety. It included several surveys and three European Motorcyclists' Forums.

5. Institute for Conscious Global Change

Special, 2012

Introduction

The Institute for Conscious Global Change (ICGC) was founded to provide a comprehensive response to end poverty with special focus on the world's Least Developed Countries (LDCs).

Aims and purposes of the organization

ICGC aims to visualize, analyse, explain, and disseminate data to make sustainable development plans universally accessible. The focus is to provide virtual but tangible visual development solutions to support the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization amended its Articles of Incorporation to include the 193 countries of the United Nations and minimally changed the By-laws to include four executive committees.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ICGC's contribution included a presentation to the multi-stakeholder dialogue on "Integrating Social-Ecological Resilience into the New Development Agenda", Medellin, Colombia, December 2013.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ICGC has participated in numerous meetings of the United Nations including:

- official meetings, hearings with NGOs and informal meetings of the Open Working Group and the Post-2015 Inter-Governmental Negotiations in preparation for the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit;
- submitting written statements to the 2013 Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) High Level Segment, and on ECOSOC's "Dialogue on the longer-term positioning of the United Nations development system in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development";
- side events co-sponsored by Member States and United Nations entities;
- Thursday Briefings of the Department of Public Information;

- delivering a statement entitled, "Geographic Information Systems (GIS): An Essential Tool for SDG Implementation" at the High-level Stock-taking event on the Post-2015 Development Agenda;
- contributing to the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development and to Transforming Our World: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted at the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

ICGC representatives participated in a small group meeting on "how to" implement the 2030 Agenda using GIS with several Member States and the United Nations Initiative on Global Geospatial Information Management; worked on Africa Data Consensus outcome document at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa High-Level Conference on Data Revolution for Africa; and the organization is in talks with United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to become an implementing partner for community development globally.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

ICGC worked with the National Center for Geospatial Information in Ministry of Planning of Haiti since 2011 to develop a Proof of Concept. ICGC's primary activity is "The Millennium Earth Project (MEP)", an infrastructure-based mapping solution focused on capacity building; citizen engagement, community and government collaboration, and technology transfer in-country, using Geographic Information Systems (GIS), GeoDesign and related technologies to achieve comprehensive and holistic planning.

6. International Radio Emergency Support Coalition

Special, 2012

Introduction

The International Radio Emergency Support Coalition is an organization of radio amateurs who respond to any emergency or disaster around the world when a country's communication infrastructure is down or overloaded.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IRESC supports countries with communication and technical assistance for search, rescue, health and welfare during disaster or emergency.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IRESC advocates for the signature and ratification of the Tampere Convention.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

IRESC provided the United Nations operation in Nepal with communication, coordination, and search and rescue assistance during the 2015 earthquake.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No initiatives were specified.

7. Japan Council against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs (Gensuikyo)

Special, 2012

Introduction

The organization has been working for a total ban and the abolition of nuclear weapons in Japan and internationally.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims of the organization are: prevention of nuclear war, abolition of nuclear weapons and support for atomic-bomb survivors.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization's work contributes to maintaining international peace and security and to implementing and achieving General Assembly resolution 1(I), of 24 January 1946, on the "Establishment of a Commission to Deal with the Problems Raised by the Discovery of Atomic Energy". It strives for the elimination of weapons of mass destruction, particularly nuclear weapons; works for environmental sustainability; works against militarism and for peaceful settlement of disputes, and has called for the reallocation of resources used for arms and nuclear weapons to be redirected to meeting human needs so that poverty can be eradicated and human security can be improved.

Between 2012 and 2015, the organization focused on collecting petitions in support of the "Appeal for a Total Ban on Nuclear Weapons", and submitted them to the conferences of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and the United Nations General Assembly. It also worked to raise awareness about catastrophic humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapon use. The organization also participated at the World Conference against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs held annually in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan.

In 2014 and 2015, the organization conducted nationwide activities for International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons and for United Nations Disarmament Week in October 2012-2015.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of the organization observed the 2012-2014 sessions of the Preparatory Committee (PrepCom) for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) as well as the Review Conference in 2015, and submitted petitions and statements in support of the Appeal to United Nations High Representative for Disarmament Affairs and attended the 2012-2013 sessions of United Nations General Assembly First Committee.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization has engaged in "disarmament for development" campaigns and given support to victims of nuclear weapons and nuclear energy such as those in Fukushima.

8. Japanese Workers Committee for Human Rights

Special, 2004

Introduction

The Japanese Workers' Committee for Human Rights was established to promote peace, democracy and fundamental human rights for all people in Japan.

Aims and purposes of the organization

To advance human rights, and to press the Japanese Government to ratify the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and other Optional Protocols.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Annually during Human Rights Week in Japan, Committee representatives make speeches and meet with officials from the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and of Justice to find solutions to human rights violations. The Committee jointly established the Japan NGO Network for the ICCPR for the review of Japan's 6th report under the ICCPR and held an assembly asking for the realization of the recommendations by United Nations Human Rights Treaty Bodies, Tokyo,

14 December 2013. In 2014 and 2015 the Committee and the Japan NGO Network for the ICCPR held rallies, marched through the streets, and held assemblies and a press conference.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- Representatives attended the 50th Session of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR) where the organization submitted a parallel report on the 3rd Periodic Report of Japan and on the replies of Japan to the list of issues emanating from the report;
- The organization submitted a parallel report to the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of Japan reviewed at the 14th session of the Working Group on the UPR;
- A representative presented oral statements on the Right to Peace at the 8th and 9th sessions of the Advisory Committee of the Human Rights Council (HRC);
- Representatives attended the 50th session of the Committee against Torture (CAT) where the organization submitted a parallel report on the Second Periodic Report of Japan to the CAT;
- A representative presented oral statements on Sexual Slavery and on Minority Issues at the 22nd session of the HRC;
- Representatives attended the Pre-session and the organization submitted a parallel report for the review of Japan's 6th Periodic Report on the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR);
- Representatives attended and the organization submitted the final NGO report for the review of Japan's 6th Periodic Report at the 111th Session of the ICCPR;
- A representative presented oral statements on Fukushima at the 12th session of the HRC Advisory Committee, and on Comfort Women and on Hate Speech at the 28th session of the HRC.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No initiatives were specified.

9. Partnership for Global Justice

Special, 2008

Introduction

The Partnership for Global Justice (PGJ) is a network of religious congregations, other groups and individuals grounded in gospel values.

Aims and purposes of the organization

PGJ works at promoting earth literacy and ecological sustainability, educating for global citizenship, and fostering understanding and communion among cultures and faith traditions. The members of the Partnership also establish, administer, finance and staff institutions and centres which serve the poor.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

PGJ contributed to the work of the United Nations in numerous ways, including:

- Prepared a statement on Integrity of the Earth to the Open Working Group on the Sustainable Development Goals;
- Conducted a panel on the United Nations at Stockton College;
- Joined NGO Committees on: Social Development, Sustainable Development, Disarmament, Peace and Security, Human Immunodeficiency Virus Infection and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (HIV/AIDS), and the Working Group for Girls and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women);
- PGJ sent monthly newsletters and United Nations Alerts;
- Annual Membership Meetings focused on various United Nations topics;
- Mentored and trained teachers to plan United Nations projects;
- Conducted information session for college students on migration and conflict resolution, 9 October 2015;
- Composed, published and distributed booklets: Nurturing the Global Citizen Within, What Price a Girl's Life, and Our Shared Destiny in a Post 2015 World.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

PGJ representatives participated in the following meetings of the United Nations:

- 50th-53rd sessions of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD),
- 56th-58th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women,
- 11th and 12th sessions of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues,
- 3rd Intersessional Meeting of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development,
- 2015 Economic and Social Council High-level Segment and Ministerial Meeting of the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, and

– The meeting of the International Criminal Court on the "Right to Peace as a Human Right" via webcast in April, 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

The PGJ Executive Director served on the panel: Engaging Religions in the Prevention of Atrocity Crimes with the Office of the Special Advisor on the Prevention of Genocide, the United Religions Initiative and the United Nations Department of Public Information. The Executive Director also served on the panel, "World Interfaith Harmony: Vital for Peace and Development".

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Among other initiatives, PGJ members supported the education of 10 girls in Haiti from primary through secondary school; served 1,100 children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder in Tallinn, Republic of Estonia at Vanalinna Hariduskollegeeium; operated a school for the blind serving 1,200 students in the Plurinational State of Bolivia and provided education for the marginalized and vulnerable in numerous other schools in various countries; provided maternity and outpatient clinics in Chimbote, Republic of Peru and Sangre de Cristo Health Care Project, Republic of Guatemala serving more than 800 people each day; and organized the packaging of meals for children in the United Republic of Tanzania providing over 50,000 meals for children in Manyoni.

10. Planetary Association for Clean Energy

Special, 2004

Introduction

The Planetary Association for Clean Energy (PACE) is an advanced scientific think-tank that maintains an international, interdisciplinary and collaborative network by way of publishing, including via the internet, conferences, presentations and workshops; and by peer review, evaluation, and verification initiatives.

Aims and purposes of the organization

PACE aims to (i) facilitate the discovery, research, development and demonstration of clean energy systems; (ii) steward the planning, co-ordination and implementation of clean energy systems on planetary, continental, regional and local scales; and (iii) serve as monitor of "unclean" energy systems.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

PACE observes Human Rights Day, Earth day and Environment Day, as well as the World Interfaith Harmony Week.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, representatives of PACE participated in numerous consultations and meetings related to social development, sustainable development, cultural rights, climate refugees, promotion and protection of civil society space, intellectual property, and various aspects of human rights including the rights of minorities and Indigenous peoples organised at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, including:

- the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on a draft United Nations Declaration on a Right to Peace;
- with the Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment, the Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order, the Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity and the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples;
- participation in 21st to 30th sessions of the Human Rights Council (HRC) and related briefings; and
- the 2013 High-level Segment of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

Cooperation with United Nations entities

PACE is part of the Geneva Climate Change Coalition (GeCCCo), accredited with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No initiatives were specified.

11. Salamander Trust

Special, 2012

Introduction

Salamander Trust is an international charity based in the United Kingdom, working to promote sexual and reproductive health, HIV prevention, care and support.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to protect, promote and enhance the health and rights of people particularly, but not exclusively, marginalised as a result of their gender, HIV status or sexual and reproductive health.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization developed several training programmes on children directly affected by HIV and their caregivers, gender-based violence, sexual and reproductive health and human rights and women living with HIV.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives attended the global high-level meeting, 'Men, Adolescent Boys and AIDS', which was co-convened by the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS (UNAIDS), Sonke Gender Justice and the International Planned Parenthood Federation, and delivered a presentation about the Stepping Stones with Children training programme; a technical expert meeting with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) on sexual and reproductive health strategies to reach Vulnerable Urban Adolescents, and shared preliminary findings from Stepping Stones with Children pilot workshops in Dar es Salaam; spoke on two panels organised by UNAIDS at the Women Deliver Conference, and was a member of the UNAIDS Dialogue Platform.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

The organization cooperated with United Nations entities as follows:

- Conducted a survey commissioned by the World Health Organization (WHO) on Global Sexual Reproductive Health and human rights values and preferences survey of women living with HIV, 2014-2015;
- Undertook a global HIV treatment access review for women living with HIV, commissioned by the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women), March 2014;
- Received funding from UNAIDS to implement "Seeking Safety — Capacity building for leadership on Gender Based Violence": a film training and documentary programme to showcase grassroots leadership of women living with HIV in response to gender-based violence and HIV in Africa, 2014-2015, and to undertake applied research on the inter-linkages between gender-based violence and HIV;
- Co-partnered a workshop on HIV and gender-based violence and women living with HIV: "Integrating Strategies to Address Gender-Based Violence and Engage Men and Boys as Partners to Advance Gender Equality through National HIV Plans and Strategies", Dakar, Senegal, September 2013;
- Implemented the film "Positively UK: 'Rights, Camera, Action'" funded by UNAIDS, with women living with HIV in Namibia and Uganda.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Some of the initiatives taken by the organization include:

- Developed "Stepping Stones with Children", a psychosocial training programme/intervention designed to support children aged 5 to 14 years directly affected by HIV and their caregivers;

- Maintains The Stepping Stones Feedback project, which disseminates information, resources and research about HIV and gender;
- Conducted a global survey on the sexual and reproductive health and human rights of women living with HIV commissioned to inform an update of the WHO 2006 Guidelines;
- Continued to host the global "Stepping Stones Community of Practice";
- "Seeking Safety — Capacity building for leadership on Gender Based Violence": a film training and documentary programme;
- Developed "Stepping Stones for Peace and Prosperity", which reduced gender-based violence in Karamoja, Uganda;
- Conducted applied research on inter-linkages between gender based violence and HIV, funded by UNAIDS.

12. Society Studies Centre

Special, 2008

Introduction

The Society Studies Centre (MADA ssc) was established in 2003 and works on social development, social peace, and human rights. The Centre is registered in Sudan.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The NGO promotes social development, and fosters and builds peace and security with special focus on vulnerable groups such as women and children.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Among its contributions, the Centre:

- Published a roadmap for following up the implementation of Human Rights Council Resolution 27/L2 of 18 September 2014 on Human rights and unilateral coercive measures;
- Reported on the negative impacts of unilateral coercive measures on the situation of human rights in Sudan;
- Updated Sudan Human Rights information Gateway;
- Worked with stakeholders on Universal Periodic Reviews (UPR) and recommendations of the Human Rights Council (HRC) on Sudan; and
- Trained, raised awareness, advocated for and provided education on peace building and human rights issues and the preparation of periodic reports.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives participated in the 20th-25th and 27th-30th regular sessions of the Human Rights Council and the 56th-58th sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

SSC's cooperation with the United Nations involved the following:

- Signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and participated in all activities organized by UNDP in the Sudan, including meetings of the independent experts and Special Rapporteurs;
- Conducting ongoing studies with UNDP and Situation Analysis on the strategic directions for Darfur peace building and sustainable development;
- Initiated the Sudan Strategic Foresight Project (2015-2040);
- Conducted a Society Status Report in 2015;
- Conducted a study to review and recommend enforcement of existing laws to ban female genital mutilation/cutting (FGM/C) in South Kordofan, South Darfur, Gadarif and Red Sea States in collaboration with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

SSC trained 3,150 observers to monitor the general elections in Sudan, 2015; led the peace-building project focusing on resolving tribal conflicts in Darfur in 2015 and conducted several training programmes to build the capacity of its key leaders; annually celebrated the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking and mobilizes civil society organizations to fight drugs through awareness campaigns, posters and paintings; coordinated the work of Sudanese organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC); and held a series of training courses on international human rights law, and preparation and writing human rights reports and complaints to the international human rights mechanisms.

13. Solidarité agissante pour le développement familial

Special, 2012

Introduction

Solidarité agissante pour le développement familial (SADF) works to reduce poverty and hunger. It pursues socioeconomic activities which help to alleviate conditions for the poor and for vulnerable groups in society.

Aims and purposes of the organization

SADF seeks to fulfil its aims in various ways, including through the creation of a health centre, a pharmaceutical distribution depot, and a centre for training in information technologies, being the first NGO in the country to do so.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

SADF has contributed to meetings dealing with:

- Proliferation of small arms and light weapons, New York, July 2013;
- Non-communicable diseases, New York, September 2013;
- Consultations with the Non-Governmental Liaison Service on the Millennium Development Goals in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Cameroon.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

SADF participated in the third International Conference on Financing for Development in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in July 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

SADF works with the United Nations Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO) to strengthen the capacity of local communities to combat violence against children and to protect their rights.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In support of the Millennium Development Goals, SADF worked in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Cameroon to do the following:

- Reduce exploitation of natural resources through management by the rural advisory council;
- Promote sustainable development and income generation by establishing moringa processing plants in both countries;
- Foster awareness among the Congolese and Cameroonian populations regarding weapons proliferation in 2014 and 2015;
- Establish two community health centres and a maternity centre in Tshikapa, Democratic Republic of the Congo, in 2014;
- Establish school catch-up centres in both countries for children abducted by Boko Haram in 2015;
- Provide anti-drug training and awareness-raising in schools in Lima, Peru, in 2015.

14. Stichting Global Reporting Initiative

Special, 2012

Introduction

The Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) is the world's leading sustainability reporting framework.

Aims and purposes of the organization

GRI aims to advance the agenda on corporate responsibility and empower citizens to challenge the private sector to act in a more responsible way.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization has contributed by encouraging the private sector to be an active contributor to the sustainable development agenda.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

GRI has participated in Post-2015 negotiation meetings; Addis Ababa Action Agenda/Financing for Development (FfD) process; United Nations Private Sector Forum 2015; and Economic and Social Council High-level Political Forum and Partnership Forum.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

GRI worked to address ways to make corporate responsibility more effective in order to directly contribute to reducing poverty. This enabled companies to disclose information on labour practices, job creation, the gender employment gap, and their philanthropic programmes.

15. World Habitat Foundation

Special, 2012

Introduction

The World Habitat Foundation (WHF) is dedicated to improving the lives of individuals in need through the use of new technology.

Aims and purposes of the organization

WHF aims to provide: clean affordable drinking water; housing for the very poor; educational opportunities for those that do not have access to primary education; and technology and resources to improve food production to areas in need.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

The organization has held preliminary meetings with officials at the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to discuss the most efficient means of distributing the water systems.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Water for Life treatment system is being field tested in several countries where it can supply clean safe drinking water to those who did not previously have access.